

PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

work Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Complete If Known Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO Application Number 10/628,243-Conf. #4749 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date July 29, 2003 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Joseph E. Geusic Art Unit 2812 (Use as many sheets as necessary) Not Yet Assigned Examiner Name M4065.0501/P501-A Attorney Docket Number Sheet 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> ( if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
14	AA	US-6,261,469	07-17-2001	Zakhidov et al.*	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number Hind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear			

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 'Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as Indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.18 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposlum, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²		

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Examiner Signature Company	Date Considered 3	21	04
7	7		1

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.